

Application of: Takeshi Yamada, et al.
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Preliminary Amendment

Please replace the Abstract with the currently amended Abstract as follows:

A top ring ~~is designed to have a~~ has gas seal function and an oil control ~~functions~~ function in order to realize realizing approximately the same amount of oil consumption and blow-by gas as these realized by three rings, ~~by using the top ring only.~~ A piston assembly includes a piston body and a piston ring having a U-shaped cross section. ~~The piston body has~~ having a top land portion and a ring groove ~~formed on its periphery.~~ ~~The , and a piston ring having a U-shaped cross section including~~ includes an upper leg portion, a and lower leg portions [[,]] and a base portion connecting the upper and lower leg portions, and [[is]] attached to the top land portion of the piston body. ~~An a~~ Axial length from [[a]] boundary of the base portion of the piston ring and the upper leg portion to a lower surface of the lower leg portion is ~~set to be~~ larger than an axial length that from an upper surface of the top land portion of the piston body to [[a]] lower surface of the ring groove ~~to which~~ fitting the lower leg portion is fitted. Alternatively, axial grooves are provided on a thrust side of the top land portion. ~~Alternatively, or~~ a V-shaped annular groove is provided in a second land portion of the piston body. ~~The piston ring may include an upper periphery having a BF (barrel face) shape and a lower periphery formed as a straight or tapered contact face.~~